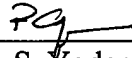


Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims 1-28. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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